

Remarks

Claims 1-15 and 23-27 were pending.

Claims 1- 8, 14, 15 and 23 are cancelled.

Claim 25 is amended.

Claims 9-13, 24, 26 and 17 are as previously presented.

The application now contains claims 8-13 and 24-27.

Claim 25 is amended to directly incorporate the limitations of claim 15 and to be made independent.

In order to facilitate the prosecution of certain aspects of the claimed invention, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-8, 14, 15 and 23 in order to focus on claims relating to certain compound mixtures and compositions comprising them. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the deleted material in subsequent continuation applications.

No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-7, 15 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over WO 2004/076457 which discloses a process for making DPPs by reacting a succinate with an aromatic or heteroaromatic nitrile.

Claim 1 is also rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph.

Claims 1-7, 15 and 23 are cancelled and will be pursued in subsequent continuations.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-8, 14, 15, 23 and 25-27 are objected to for dependence on a rejected base claim.

Claims 2-8, 14, 15 and 23 are cancelled and will be pursued in subsequent continuations.

Applicants believe that the rejection of claim 27 is in error as it is dependent on claim 9 which is found allowable in the present Action.

Claim 25 is amended to incorporate the limitations of now cancelled claim 15 and is now independent; claim 26 depends on claim 26. No other rejections to claims 25 or 26 have been made.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections have been addressed and are overcome and kindly ask that they be withdrawn.

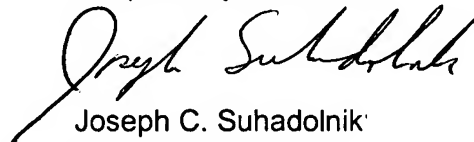
Applicants note that claims 9-13 and 24 are allowed in the present Action. As claim 27 depends on claim 9, and claims 25 and 26 relate to the incorporation into plastics or polymeric particles the mixtures of claim 9, Applicants kindly ask that they also be found allowable.

In light of the above amendments and discussion, Applicants kindly ask that all rejections and objections be withdrawn and that claims 9-13 and 24-27 be found allowable.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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